



Guides/Outfitters Phase Two Reopening Strategy in Response to COVID-19

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Montanans have succeeded in limiting the spread and impacts of COVID-19 by working together and following guidance that has been provided. This has presented an opportunity to move to Phase 2 of the Reopening the Big Sky strategy. A directive issued by the governor on May 19 specifically lifts the 14-day quarantine for out-of-state visitors for outdoor recreation with guides and outfitters. Please note the following **requirements** for Phase Two beginning **Monday, June 1, 2020**:

1. Assess the health of all employees at the beginning of each guided event. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must be sent home. Symptoms include cough, difficulty breathing, fever, repeated shaking with chills, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.
2. Strongly encourage or require all staff to use cloth face masks, and encourage masks for customers.
3. Continue to provide for physical distancing of at least 6 feet between non-family groups.
4. Groups may be expanded to no more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.
5. Follow frequent sanitizing protocols.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has the following **additional guidance** to help protect staff and customers from disease.

1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase Two operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operations and location.
2. **Provide safe transportation.**
 - a. Place hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol at the entrance of the vehicle or provide to customers when they load for transportation.
 - b. Increase ventilation in the vehicle. This could be by opening windows or increasing air circulation through vents.
3. **Utilize cloth face masks** that fully cover the mouth and nose.
 - a. A cloth face covering will help contain any respiratory droplets from the wearer and protect other people. You can spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
 - b. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for physical distancing and good personal hygiene.

- i. You can make cloth face coverings at home or purchase them. If you want to make your own face mask, links to reliable sources for patterns can be found on our web page. www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19
4. **Support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene** for employees and customers.
 - a. Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles.
 - b. Provide hand-washing facilities with soap and water and single-use towels. If soap and water are not readily available, provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - c. Discourage handshaking and encourage the use of other noncontact methods of greeting.
5. **Routinely clean** all surfaces touched by customers. These may include fly rods, oars, boat rails, etc. A list of sanitizers effective for COVID-19 is located on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>. Be sure to **strictly follow specified contact times and mix rates.**

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for helping to protect our community from COVID-19.

If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your medical provider.

For a link to this document and other local information: www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19